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GREAT STRIDES OF THE Y. M. C. A.

Bridgeton has no Y. M. C. A. It has not had a branch of that organization for a good many years. For a long while there was an organization here, and it prospered until it was a great and useful instrument for the uplifting of men. Finally interest waned and gradually dwindled until it failed utterly and went out of existence.

But the Y. M. C. A. the country over has made remarkable strides. The reports made on the first day of January, 1908, by the Y. M. C. A. of North America finds its membership to be nearing the half million mark, (in exact figures 457,000), an enrollment equal to seven times the enlisted force of the United States Army.

The aggregate annual attendance at the buildings of this Society is equal to one-half the population of all North America. One in every four college students is a member of the student Y. M. C. A.

Its Railroad Department is the second largest brotherhood in the world and almost takes first place. In its evening study classes it has an enrollment eight times as great as the largest university of America.

The total property valuation (buildings) is to-day \$50,000,000 and \$16,000,000 more are in hand for buildings to go up soon; 92,000 men and boys studied in the Association Bible classes last year; 196,000 men and boys are in the gymnasium classes. The next largest enrollment in gymnasium work is in the German "Turn Verein," which has only 56,000 men, no less than one-third as many.

The Associations of the country have an employed force of trained men, numbering 2,500.

The aggregate current expense last year was \$5,900,000.

Ladies' Nurse Shoes. Lace, with rubber pneumatic heel; a shoe for comfort and ease are \$1.39, reg. \$1.75; sizes 2½ to 8. Order by mail and get them promptly. At the **MONEY-SAVING SHOE STORE,** Isadore W. Goldberg, Mgr., 42 E. Commerce St. Formerly Pine & Whitaker's. 25-1wk wly-it

A Pastor Called. At a Congregational meeting of the Dearfield Presbyterian Church Jan. 28th, the Rev. Wm. O. McKnight, of Greenport, N. Y., was unanimously called to be the pastor of said Church. He comes highly recommended, and it is expected he will accept the call.

Pioneer FOR 75 CENTS

To all new subscribers who pay 75 cents in advance, and to all old subscribers who pay up their arrears and pay 75 cents in advance, we will send the Weekly Pioneer for one year. This arrangement to hold good until the 15th of February, 1908.

In Charge of Big Legislation. Senator B. H. Minch, as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Municipal Corporations, has important work cut out for himself and Committee and will have the direction and handling of some very important legislation. To the Municipal Corporation Committee goes all matters pertaining to cities and towns, other than boroughs and townships. Already the Senator has received a number of Senate Bills, some of which are very important.

The Frelinghuysen Civil Service Bill is in the hands of Senator Minch. It is a comprehensive bill and means much to the state, counties and cities. Governor Fort has declared for civil service in no uncertain terms, and consequently a civil service measure will be passed. The bill will have to be very carefully considered by the committee and put in as nearly perfect shape as possible before it goes from the hands of that committee.

There are two other important bills in Senator Minch's hands. These are the Public Utilities Bills introduced by Senator Colby and Senator Gebhardt. That a public utility measure will be passed by the legislature this year seems practically assured. The Colby bill is a counterpart of the Hughes law of New York. The Gebhardt bill is much more drastic than that. Senator Minch will burn a good deal of midnight oil before he gets that measure in shape to be passed. The Municipal Corporation Committee will have a strenuous time before the session is over.

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WHO CALLED THE COUNCIL MEETING?

There was no meeting of City Council Tuesday night, notwithstanding notices were sent out by City Recorder Hewitt that a special meeting had been called to receive applications from those who wanted licenses to sell intoxicating liquors.

There were present in the Council chamber when President Craig took his place Messrs. Jones, Wallace, Rose, Daniels, Moore, Rennels, W. E. Woodruff, McGalliard, Garwood, Quick and Bath. In the Council auditorium there were quite a number of citizens.

President Craig rapped for attention and then said: "This special meeting was called under a misapprehension. The City Recorder was informed that three members of Council desired a special meeting, and my name was used in that connection. The use of my name was without my authority or consent. Therefore the call for the meeting is illegal, without force and effect and this meeting is adjourned."

The President brought his gavel down vigorously and with some determination and left the platform. There was considerable discussion among the members and others present regarding the situation.

It was explained that telephone information was communicated to City Recorder Hewitt's residence that Councilmen Daniels, Messick and Craig desired the Recorder to call this special meeting for last night. The rules require written notice and Recorder Hewitt understood that as soon as he could see any one of the three members he would be given written authority. Thus the meeting was called. The first information that President Craig had of the meeting was when he received his notice through the mails.

There were two saloon and one hotel license ready to be presented last night had there been a meeting.

From conversations had with the individual members of City Council last night it was apparent that this whole license snarl is a tempest in a teapot. Somebody has a mistaken notion of the attitude of the members of the present Council upon the question of license.

By provisions of an ordinance eight votes are required to grant a license. There can be depended upon to vote against any and all applications ten members, and it is not unlikely that there will be eleven negative votes against the application should the question ever be submitted to a vote, which is very unlikely.

It is now pretty generally understood where the enterprise originated and the reason for it.

The majority of the members of Council are somewhat indignant that these applications should have been presented because it raises a suspicion that is unwarranted and embarrassing.

Foreign Crop Outlook.

Foreign crop conditions as published in Broomhall's Liverpool "Corn Trade News":

United Kingdom—Wheat that was seeded late and is weak shows the effects of the recent severe freezing; otherwise the outlook is favorable.

France—The outlook for the crops continues favorable. Supplies are generally moderate.

Germany—The weather is too changeable and on the whole unfavorable. Supplies are light.

Hungary—The weather continues cold, and climatic conditions are unfavorable, as the crop needs snow.

Romania—The weather is seasonable, it being cold, with snow, and the outlook for the crops is satisfactory.

Russia—Reports from the south show no improvement, while in the interior the outlook is less apprehensive, as there is plenty of snow. Supplies are light and arrivals at the ports small.

Italy—The outlook continues favorable. Supplies are liberal.

Spain—The outlook is less favorable, it being too wet. Supplies are liberal.

North Africa—The outlook has improved since our last report, as partial rains have fallen.

Australia—The latest estimate places the exportable surplus at 16,000,000 bushels, half of which will go to Europe.

Note—This year's crop is estimated at 34,700,000 bushels. In 1906 the crop amounted to 66,000,000 bushels, and of this amount 34,000,000 bushels were shipped for export.

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FISHER WAS NOT COMPETENT.

In its report of the Boyertown, Pa., opera house tragedy, the North American presented the following:

Even more startling was the admission of Harry Fisher, of Bridgeton, N. J., the boy—he is not 21 years old—who operated the stereopticon machine that first started the trouble. He asserted that the only experience he had in the work was obtained after a two days tuition under C. T. Mulligan, of 728 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

Questioned as to his ability to operate the tanks, Fisher unhesitatingly declared that the illustration in the opera house was the first he ever gave in a public place.

"When Mrs. Munroe, who produced the play the night of the fire, needed some one to take charge of the machine, she sent for me," said Fisher, who is a tall, thin youth.

"She sent me to Mulligan, and in two days' instruction he declared me competent. I came here to handle the machine, had four rehearsals in the Lutheran church and all went well until the night of the fire."

Describing the cause of the hissing sound that started the commotion, Fisher said that in some way the tube slipped from the oxygen tank and there was a noise. He held his thumb over the hydrogic, or illuminating gas tank, to prevent the escape of gas, he said, and succeeded only after a second hissing had been heard.

He insisted there was no explosion, despite the testimony of Charles Kline, who declared he saw dead bodies lying in the entrance door before there was any sign of fire, "but following the blowing-out of several windows in the second floor, where the hall was located."

F. L. Ritter, who lost a daughter in the disaster, declared that he, too, had heard a rumbling sound, and had seen windows blown across the street.

Fisher admitted further that he knew nothing about gases or chemistry, but that the only actual experience he had with a mechanical apparatus was "while I was working in a machine shop."

Attorney Young declared he had an eye witness to prove that Fisher, just before the fire, had thrown the wrong picture on the screen and that in his excitement to rectify the mistake, disconnected the tubes, causing a strong flow of gas that exploded and sent masses of flame from one end of the hall to the other, thus causing almost instant death to a majority of the audience.

Wreck Caused; Rules Violated.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 28.—Complaints against the railroad companies doing business in New Jersey marked to day's session of the New Jersey State Railroad Commission.

Formal complaint was received from the city of Camden, relative to the removal of the Haddon Avenue Station of the Pennsylvania Railroad. A hearing will be given later.

T. H. Roberts, of Rahway, took exception to the action of the Pennsylvania Railroad in raising its freight package charges to a minimum rate of 25 cents. A copy of the letter was ordered sent to the company.

At the afternoon session of the Commission heard the final statement of counsel for the Pennsylvania Railroad in the matter of the recent Camden wreck. Albert Wall, of Jersey City, and General Superintendent F. L. Sheppard appeared for the railroad. The Commission announced that it would give its decision later.

Mr. Wall called attention to the fact that there was no permanent block signal system on the elevated track in course of construction at the time of the accident, and that the trains were being operated by a "sight" system. He said that making allowance for smoke and steam from the two trains, and the use of the "sight" system, the accident could not have happened unless either the flagman on the Atlantic City train or the engineer of the Amboy train failed to perform his duty.

Chairman Congdon interjected the remark that he could see no reason why the accident should have happened if the engineer of the Amboy train had had proper regard for his own life and the safety of the passengers.

Superintendent Sheppard said that if the rules of the company had been obeyed the accident could not have happened.

Here is Relief for Women.

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LICENSE AGAIN: WHY SHOULD IT?

Editor Pioneer:

Tuesday's issue of the Pioneer contained a number of most suggestive articles anent the proposed licensing of the beverage liquor traffic in our fair city. This wide awake newspaper is receiving congratulations on account of the high ground it is taking in opposition to any such policy as the digging up of the long buried license system. Happily, however, our City Council, which holds the license granting power, is composed for the most part of men who have the interest of their families and fellow-citizens at heart; so that the securing of a license by either of the applicants is scarcely a remote possibility. However, a little reflection by those who own or lease the properties whereupon it is desired that privilege be given to open a licensed bar, and those who are anxious to engage directly in the business of handling rum, and even those holders of seats in our city's Council who have engaged themselves to the shame of trying to secure licenses for certain applicants at this time—a little reflection upon the following advertisement will be like a look into a mirror, and will enable them to see themselves as their wives, daughters, sons and other sober and industrious people of the city see them.

Here is the advertisement:—"Wishing to get along without hard work, I have leased the most commodious quarters in Mr. Lovemoney's Hotel, where I propose to engage in the business of manufacturing drunkards, beggars, and 'dead beats' for the sober and honest people of our city to support. Backed by the law, I shall take pleasure in promoting quarrels among the people of the community. My liquors—always the best—are warranted to rob some people of life, some of reason, all of property, and all of true happiness."

"I shall cause mothers to forget their infants, children to grow up in ignorance, young men to become loafers, swimmers, gamblers, skeptics and 'lewd fellows of the baser sort.' Lady customer, I shall cheerfully supply with beer of the finest brew, which will not intoxicate, but will surely make those who are free with it, coarse, lazy and quarrelsome. Boys and girls are the raw material out of which I make my finished product. On two hours notice I will agree to put husbands in condition to reel home, break the furniture, beat their wives, kick their children, and become a loathing to the people of the neighborhood."

"If one of my regular customers should be trying to reform, I will for a few pennies start him again on the downward road. The money he has been wasting upon bread and books, I will try to get to buy luxuries for me. And when his money is all gone I will treat my customer so genially that he will take my drinks on trust, and after a few weeks of this course I will collect my bill by attaching his wages."

"At the place I keep, I will guarantee to fill orders for Fevers, Consumption and Delirium Tremens. In short I agree to help bring upon all my customers in this world Debt, Disgrace, Disease, Despair and Death. And in the next world I will have furnished for them the Death that never dies."

"I have paid my license and have a right to bring all of the above evils upon my friends for the sake of gain. Some have suggested that I display outside the door assorted specimens of my art—but that would blockade the street, and interfere with business. A fine assortment of my manufactured wrecks, may be seen inside of my place, at the mayor's office, the insane asylum, the alms house or the penitentiary."

Shinn May Be a Candidate.

Former Sheriff Allen R. Shinn, who recently came back to Bridgeton from Rio Grande, Cape May county, has not fully decided upon his future course. He has been making some investigations relative to advantages in Wildwood for business and it is possible that he may go there. However, if he should remain in Bridgeton, he has fully declared his intention of being a candidate for sheriff and in due time will make an announcement to that effect. Since the former sheriff has been in Bridgeton he has had a number of his friends suggest to him that he would have a very considerable support as a candidate and this has led him to conclude to be an aspirant if he remains here.

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Notice to Creditors.

ESTATE OF STACY W. MATTHEWS, DECEASED. PURSUANT to the order of John R. C. Thompson, Surrogate of the County of Cumberland, made on the 28th day of October, 1907, on application of the undersigned Executors of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of the deceased to bring in to the subscriber the debts, demands and claims against the estate of said deceased, under oath, within ninety months from the date of such order, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber. Dated Oct. 28, 1907. **BLOOMFIELD H. MINCH, BARTON F. SHARP,** Executors. **FRANCIS S. McKee, Jr.,** Proctor. 19 24

Notice of Settlement.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT the accounts of the subscriber, Louie Boobltz, Administratrix of Estate of John V. Boobltz, deceased, will be audited and stated by the Surrogate, and reported to the Orphans' Court of Cumberland County for settlement on Friday, the seventh day of February next, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon. Dated Jan. 28, 1908. **LOUIE BOOBLTZ,** Administratrix. **ORRIS COOK,** Proctor. 14 2w

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